

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Charlottesville Division**

ELIZABETH SINES, SETH WISPELWEY,  
MARISSA BLAIR, APRIL MUNIZ,  
MARCUS MARTIN, NATALIE ROMERO,  
CHELSEA ALVARADO, JOHN DOE, and  
THOMAS BAKER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JASON KESSLER, RICHARD SPENCER,  
CHRISTOPHER CANTWELL, JAMES  
ALEX FIELDS, JR., VANGUARD  
AMERICA, ANDREW ANGLIN,  
MOONBASE HOLDINGS, LLC, ROBERT  
“AZZMADOR” RAY, NATHAN DAMIGO,  
ELLIOTT KLINE a/k/a ELI MOSLEY,  
IDENTITY EVROPA, MATTHEW  
HEIMBACH, MATTHEW PARROTT a/k/a  
DAVID MATTHEW PARROTT,  
TRADITIONALIST WORKER PARTY,  
MICHAEL HILL, MICHAEL TUBBS,  
LEAGUE OF THE SOUTH, JEFF SCHOEP,  
NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT,  
NATIONALIST FRONT, AUGUSTUS SOL  
INVICTUS, FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE  
ALT-KNIGHTS, LOYAL WHITE KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, and EAST  
COAST KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN a/k/a EAST COAST KNIGHTS OF  
THE TRUE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,

Defendants.

**Civil Action No. 3:17-cv-00072-NKM**

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

Counsel for the Plaintiffs, Erin B. Ashwell, respectfully moves pursuant to Local Rule 6(i) for leave to withdraw as counsel of record in this matter. As grounds for this Motion, she states as follows:

1. The Plaintiffs are currently represented by multiple law firms as well as two attorneys from Woods Rogers PLC, J. Benjamin Rottenborn and the undersigned.
2. Undersigned counsel will be appointed Chief Deputy Attorney General for the Office of Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia effective February 10, 2020.
3. In light of her departure from the law firm of Woods Rogers PLC and her intent to join the Office of Attorney General, undersigned counsel has determined to withdraw from the representation.
4. The Plaintiffs have been consulted and they do not oppose her withdrawal. Additionally, undersigned counsel believes that her withdrawal can be accomplished without any material adverse effect on the interests of the Plaintiffs. See Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16(b). Mr. Rottenborn and others will continue as counsel of record in this case.

Wherefore, undersigned counsel respectfully submits that “good cause” exists to justify her withdrawal from this matter and requests that the Court grant her leave to withdraw.

Dated: January 31, 2020

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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